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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1724**

S/N 09/871,156

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	BENSON et al.	Examiner:	JASON M. GREENE
Serial No.:	09/871,156	Group Art Unit:	1724
Filed:	05/31/2001	Docket No.:	758.1226US01
Confirmation No.	7441		
Title:	FILTER STRUCTURE WITH TWO OR MORE LAYERS OF FINE FIBER HAVING EXTENDED USEFUL SERVICE LIFE		

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 4, 2003, said period of response being extended from May 4, 2003 to July 4, 2003.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,



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